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[1](#)C. KOTIS-BROWN EMAIL 9/15/2008

Classified By: DCM Lawrence Mandel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) The Jordanian Foreign Ministry has informed Post that the new Jordanian Ambassador to Iraq, Nayef Fantoul al-Zeidan, departed for Baghdad on September 14th. Zeidan will be Jordan's first representative in Baghdad in several years (Ref A).

[1](#)2. (C) Zeidan, a career diplomat, served as Consul General for Dubai and the Northern Emirates from 2006-2008 and was DCM in Tehran from 2003-2005, in addition to several other overseas postings (Ref B). Zeidan will take up residence at the new Jordanian Embassy, located in the Green Zone, along with staff to include Consul Musa Kharadsheh, Financial Officer Khalid al-Hamed, and Diplomatic Attache Hussein al-Jbour (Ref C).

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